Stewards who Study

Most Catholics do not know the faith. For sure, most do not study the faith. Matthew Kelly says that in 2007 only 1 percent of American Catholics read a Catholic book. He also asserts that those who walk away from the Church do not really know what they are leaving, and those who disagree with her teachings have not taken the time to study the teachings. Those assertions ring true with my pastoral experience.

Continuous learning is essential if you want to be effective in your job. The same is true for being Catholic. A Catholic is a steward who studies. As we take up the Annual Appeal for the diocese, it's all about preserving the treasure of the faith. If we focus on giving money, rather than teaching and living the faith, we miss the point.

Why study the faith? Because the Scriptures feed your soul. Studying the Word is an encounter with God. *"The* word *of God is* alive *and active. Sharper than any double-edged* sword, *it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow"* (Heb. 4:12). The opportunity to study the Scriptures has been a tremendous blessing for me. Staying close to the Word keeps me honest and encourages me in trials. But I have found the greatest benefit in studying with others. The insights and questions of each person benefit everyone.

Are you a steward who studies? Do you realize that the benefits far outweigh the burdens? Yes, it requires discipline and a commitment. But you will walk away richer and alive in the faith. Here are opportunities for you to grow in the faith.

- **Adult Faith Formation:** 10:30 AM – Noon, and 4:15 – 5:45 PM Sundays. About 50 adults registered, but some have lapsed in attending. A new series begins in Advent.
  - *The Scriptures of Advent*: December 8th
  - *Intro to the Catechism*: December 15th
- **Early Bird Bible Study:** 6:30 AM Wednesdays, St. Joseph Hall. This is a discussion on the Sunday Gospel.
- **Lumko Praying the Bible**: 5:00 PM Tuesdays, St. Joseph's Hall. This is a type of group *lectio divina,* or praying over the Gospel text.
- **RCIA:** 10:30 AM – Noon, Sundays. Join the RCIA classes as a sponsor or a participant who wants to learn about a specific topic. More sponsors are needed.
- **Retreats:** An important way to deepen your faith is to step away for a retreat. The bulletin runs announcements for retreats at Terra Sancta, etc.
- **Good books:** See the library display with Mary Coffin updates regularly. Reading 10-15 minutes per day is a habit of dynamic Catholics.

As a parish we plan to give everyone who comes to Christmas Mass a book or CD. The purpose is to encourage people to be stewards who study. We have a donor who has volunteered to cover half of the cost. If you would like to help with the expenses, contact the office.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Steve

Miss the **ANNUAL REPORT** last week? See the extra copies on the counter.

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy:
Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy:
Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

OLBH Parish News

OLBH Card Ministry

If you are aware of anyone who could use a card, such as illness, shut-in, or sympathy; please contact Mary Langbehn at 350-1907.

OLBH Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know needs prayer please contact the Parish Office at 787-5168 or Mary Langbehm at 350-1907.

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Joe Creek
Henry Maicki
Jim Wranek
Ray Walz
Don Thrall
Richard Ptacek
Pam Deaver
John Schaub (brother of Suzanne Wilhelmi)

Repose of the Soul

Jeannie Allrich (sister of Judy Nelson)
Mark Ellerton
Trudy Besse
Valentine Keller
Adam Engel
Keith Gamroth (brother of Alma Gamroth**)**

**Names will remain on our list for one month. Please contact the parish office to request continued prayers*

The Collection Basket

October 26 & 27

Collection	5786.58
Adopt a Seminarian	250.00
Cornerstone Mission Meals	25.00
Habitat for Humanity	250.00
Rectory	815.00
Total	$7,126.58

Piedmont Valley Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Piedmont Valley Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Black Hills Community Church Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 PM. The collection this year will be given to the SD Rancher Relief Fund.

Merry Widows/Senior Citizens Group

After more than 10 years of coordinating the Merry Widows Patty Cariveau is stepping down – thank you very much for your ministry Patty. There has been interest expressed in forming a Senior Citizens social group at OLBH, which would likely replace the Merry Widows. The intent would be for all Senior Citizens, couples and singles, to meet monthly for light snacks and drinks and to visit, play games or cards, put puzzles together etc. If anyone is interested in forming

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parent Gathering

Parents please join us for our second parent gathering as we ponder scripture for the Advent and Christmas seasons just as our children do! All parents are invited to attend. We will meet on **Wednesday, November 13th; 6:30-7:30 p.m**. in the church basement.
Please contact Jenny with questions at jenny.scherr@olbh.org

Rake the Town

Thank you to the all the youth and their parents who helped with the service project "Rake the Town" on Saturday, October 26th. However, more blizzard clean-up was accomplished than raking leaves. The families and their friends really stepped up and helped with this effort and had a rewarding experience. A total of seven high school, four elementary students and five parents and adults helped.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

November 11 to November 17, 2013

Monday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours, bishop
Readings: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17-1-6 (*white*)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
Mass Intention: Alfred Biegler
7:00 pm: Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 12

Saint Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Readings: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19: Lk 17:7-10 (*red*)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
Mass Intention: +Jim Nelson
5:00 pm: Lumko Praying the Bible
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
Readings: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19 (*white*)
6:30 am: Early Bird Bible Study
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
Mass Intention: OLBH sister parishes at Bullhead, Kenel, McIntosh, McLaughlin, Morristown, Wakpala, and Watauga
8:30 am – 8:30 pm: Adoration
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:30 pm: CGS Parent Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, November 14

Readings: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25 *(green)*
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy
Mass Intention: +Rev. William F. Kingsley (11/15/1961)
7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus

Friday, November 15

Saint Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
Readings: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37 (*white*)

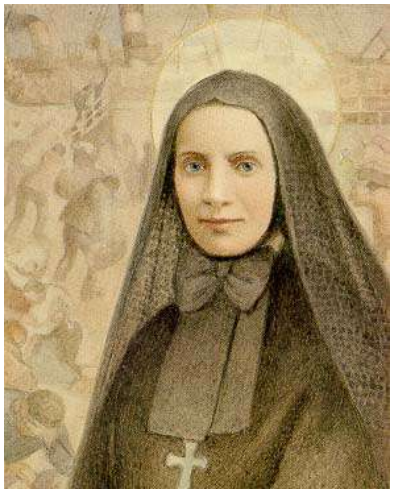
Saturday, November 16

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19 (*green*)
9:00 – Noon: Food Pantry
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm: Liturgy
Mass Intention: Masses for Life

Sunday, November 17

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19 (*green*)
9:00 am: Liturgy
Mass Intention: Pope Francis' intention for November: That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity
10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Morning Faith Formation – PreK-5th & Adult; RCIA (The Early Church I – Birth of Christ to 300 AD)
3:45 pm: Faith Formation Meal
6:00 pm: Liturgy
Mass Intention: OLBH Community

"We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend on material success; nor on sciences that cloud the intellect. Neither does it depend on arms and human industries, but on Jesus alone." (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin and Foundress)



Weekly Ministry Schedule

November 16 & 17

	Saturday Evening 5:00 pm	Sunday Morning 9:00 am	Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Celebrant	Fr. Steve		
Deacon	N/A		
Musicians/Cantor	Family Choir/Jerry Meyer	Regina's Minstrels/Jim Runyan	Covenant Band/Maria Hartung
Bread Baker	Sally Graham		
Altar Servers	Delainey Kronmiller Rileigh Kronmiller Autumn Cassen	Savannah Inman Liam Schroeder Tatum Ligtenberg	Curt Mahaffy Corben Mahaffy Kaden Heid
Precious Body	Judy Wilson	Larry Williamson	Aaron Johnson
Precious Blood	Pat Suiter John Usera Bernadette Usera Pam Wentz	Bev Kramer Jerry Silbernagel Lorinda Collings Christine Didriksen	Phillip Thompson Teresa Thompson Rachel Wilhelmi Michelle Bucholz
Lectors	Mike Davies Dave Allardyce	Joyce Williamson Jean Schubauer	Kevin Chamberlain Bridgette Fode
Sacristans	Joe Schacher Linda Schacher	Bob Weaver	Brad Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt Matthew Blauvelt
Hospitality	Bernard Wiehl Loretta Wiehl	Duane Schubauer Billie Inman	Marlys Sears Tristen Sears

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please arrange for your replacement

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers – please contact Teresa Thompson in the Parish Office at 787-5168 for information.

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Barbara Scherr (605)209-3418

Confidential and Caring: The role of the Victim Assistance Coordinator is to support "as a knowledgeable companion, persons who bring complaints of sexual misconduct by church personnel either to their attention or to the attention of the diocese."
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Ready for a party~ OLBH will soon be 100 years old!

We are looking for people who would be interested in being part of the Centennial Committee. In 2016, OLBH will celebrate its 100-year anniversary! The 100-year anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the lives and works of all who have worshiped here and been a part of the OLBH Family. We hope to enlighten the past and provide a vision of hope for the future! If you are interested in helping plan this monumental event, please sign up in the narthex. For questions, please contact Phillip Thompson at 791-4231

Thank You!

Thank you to the Celebration Committee for hosting the Confirmation reception on Saturday, November 2nd following the Confirmation Mass. And thank you to Rebeca Lyle for decorating.

Sunday Evening Mass Musicians Needed

The Sunday Night 6:00 p.m. Covenant Band is looking for a **guitarist**. If you are an adult who has played in the past, or a high school student who plays in the band at school, this might be the ministry for you! Auditions required. Please contact Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek in the OLBH Parish Office at 787-5168.

WAVI Caring Rose Week

Victoria's Gardena and WAVI have partnered for the 15th Annual Caring Rose Week. Bring 2 nonperishable food items to Victoria's Garden and you can get a dozen roses for $10.00. All food donations will be given to WAVI.

TAIZÉ

Experience the sacred through song and silence at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Holy Cross Chapel. Taizé prayer services are scheduled for **7:00 PM on the following Wednesdays**: **November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, and May 14.** Please join us for this ecumenical gathering to praise and worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistants Needed

The morning classes of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-6 year olds) is in need of two assistants beginning in January. One assistant is needed for the remainder of the faith formation calendar, and one assistant is needed for the month of January to help cover maternity leave for a current assistant. We would also like to wish Tasha Seyer and her family the best of luck on their move to Minnesota. Please contact Megan Hamer at 787-5168, or megan.hamer@olbh.org if you are interested in being an assistant.

What Does it Mean to be a Mature Catholic?

By Hayley Butolph A Recently Confirmed OLBH High School Youth

What does it mean to be a mature Catholic? To be a mature Catholic is someone who takes care of his or her obligations to the church. To be mature in the catholic religion you must attend church every week, participate in church events and pray often. Praying is a huge part because you should converse with god and rely on him, you should pray with your family so you can all grow in your relationship with God together. It will strengthen your relationship with God and strengthen your faith in general. To be a truly mature Catholic always try to build your faith, stay true to it, and practice it in your everyday life.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is now up and filled with tags. Please take a tag and consider this as part of your Christmas treasure stewardship. All gifts should be **returned no later than December 8th** with tags attached but **unwrapped.** All gifts stay in the Piedmont, Black Hawk, and Summerset areas. If you know of someone in our area who is in need of Christmas giving, please call Judy at 716-4647 or Dorothy at 787-4509.

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